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1. THE ONLY BUREAU OF CUSTOMS CONTACT WITH GUATEMALA OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE OCCURRED IN MARCH 1974 WHEN IT CONDUCTED A TWO-WEEK SEMINAR IN GUATEMALA FOR OFFICIALS OF ALL FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ANY COORDINATION OR PARTICIPATION BY DEA IN THAT SEMINAR. CONVERSELY, DEA IS PLANNING A TWO-WEEK SEMINAR FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN SAN JOSE IN MARCH-APRIL 1976 (DEA 1200) WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONTEMPLATE ANY COORDINATION WITH OR INPUT BY CUSTOMS.

2. INASMUCH AS NONE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE SOURCE COUNTRIES, THEIR PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO USG ANTI NARCOTICS EFFORTS IS AS TRANSIT POINTS WHERE DRUGS MIGHT BE INTERCEPTED AS THEY CROSS BORDERS OR CHANGE PLANES AT AIRPORTS. CONSEQUENTLY COOPERATION BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND DEA IN TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICERS WOULD SEEM TO US BENEFICIAL.
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